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To: Audit Committee Members

From: DeWitt Roberts, Chief
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Subject: **Notification of Award in Excess of \$100,000**

Under the terms of the authority delegated by the Board of Supervisors, the Auditor-Controller is to notify the Board whenever awards for as-needed contract audits/studies exceed \$100,000.

On October 9, 2001, we received five proposals for Work Order Request No. 6-11, to conduct the 2001-04 Department of Parks and Recreation Revenue Agreements Financial/Compliance Audits. An evaluation committee comprised of members from the Auditor-Controller and Parks and Recreation evaluated the proposals, and subsequently recommended that the award be made to the second lowest cost proposer, Simpson & Simpson, CPAs (Simpson).

Simpson's three year cost of \$114,270 is \$15,090 (15%) above the lowest cost proposal. Among the five proposers, Simpson achieved the highest number of points in the areas of work plan quality, time, and experience. In addition, this firm's average hourly rate is the lowest of all the proposers.

The lowest cost proposer, Vasquez & Company LLP, presented a work plan and proposed hours that indicates extremely little understanding of our project. In addition, the personnel that Vasquez proposed to assign to the project have the least amount of experience of all the proposers.

Because of these factors and the overall 22.7 point higher rating (100 point maximum) earned by Simpson, the evaluation committee believes the higher rated proposal by Simpson more than compensates for the higher cost.

The project start date is November 13, 2001. Please contact me by email or call me at 974-0301 by November 9, 2001 if you have any questions.

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